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# Office Action Summary

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## Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

## Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 November 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

## Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

## Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.  
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

## Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).  
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:  
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.  
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.  
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).  
\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).  
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

## Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 2.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). \_\_\_\_\_
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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### DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-20 are presented for examination.
2. Receipt is acknowledged of IDS filed on 1/30/2002.

#### *Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102*

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claims 1-4, and 7-11 drawn to the system and method claims 19-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being unpatented by Sehr (U.S. 6,085,976).

Re claims 1 and 19: Sehr discloses a travel system and methods utilizing multi-application passenger cards, which includes at least one processor unit 14 (col.6, lines 62+), a display device communicatively coupled to the processor 21 (col.8, lines 59+); software code executable by at least one processor unit 14 as input traveler information that includes contact information for a traveler and further executable to encode at least a portion of the traveler information into a machine-readable format (col.4, lines 7-67); and a printer 15 communicatively coupled to the processor unit to print the encoded portion of the traveler information on a tag in a machine-readable format (col.7, lines 9+), means for outputting or printing at least the encoded information to a tag in a machine-readable format (col. Col.10, lines 1-21), means for encoding at least the contact information of the received user information into machine-readable format (col.11, lines 37-62; col.32, lines 1-14 and col.43, lines 4-15).

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Re claim 2: Sehr teaches a system, wherein the contact information includes temporary contact information (col.8, lines 3-58).

Re claim 3: Sehr discloses a system, wherein the temporary contact information includes information specifying the time period during which such temporary contact information is valid for contact the traveler (col.11, lines 3-67 and col.12, lines 1-67).

Re claim 4: Sehr teaches a system, wherein at least a portion of the traveler information encoded into the machine-readable format includes the temporary contact (col.19, lines 3-65).

Re claim 7: Sehr discloses a system, wherein the contact information includes at least one selected from the group consisting of home telephone number, work telephone number, cellular telephone number, and electronic mail address (col.5, lines 55-67+; col.8, lines 22-34; col.14, lines 15-27).

Re claim 8: Sehr teaches a system, wherein the traveler information further includes a travel itinerary from the traveler (col.4, lines 27-32; col.8, lines 41-49 and col.14, lines 27-47).

Re claim 9: Sehr discloses a system, wherein the machine-readable format, tag-related or card-based ticket/template comprises a bar code format (col.11, lines 25-40; and col.34, lines 44-51).

Re claim 10: Sehr teaches a system, wherein at least a portion of the traveler information encoded into the machine-readable format or tag-related ticket includes the contact information (col.11, lines 37-62; col.32, lines 1-14 and col.43, lines 4-15).

Re claim 11: Sehr discloses a system, wherein the software is further executable to encrypt at least a portion of the traveler information (col.4, lines 7-26 and col.19, lines 3-33).

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Re claim 20: Sher teaches a system and methods, wherein the contact information includes temporary contact information (col.8, lines 3-58), and wherein the temporary contact information includes information specifying the period of time during which such temporary contact information is valid for contacting the user (col.11, lines 3-67 and col.12, lines 1-67).

*Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103*

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

6. Claims 12-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sehr (U.S. 6,085,976) in view of Lee (U.S. 5,702,166).

Re claims 12 and 13: The teachings of Sehr have been discussed above.

Sehr fails to disclose a kiosk.

Lee teaches an information kiosk, which includes a kiosk 10 (col.2, lines 40+).

In view of Lee's teaching, it would have been obvious to an artisan of ordinary skill in art at the time the invention was made to utilize a kiosk into the teaching of Sehr in order to provide self-services for many types of proceedings such as travel, hotel, shopping, sport and leisure activities. Furthermore, the kiosk would be beneficial to the user, provide more privacy for the customer and assure some security features by blocking or making it difficult for someone else to monitor or notice the user personal information when being inputted into the system. Moreover, such modification would have been an obvious extension as taught by Sehr, therefore an expedient.

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Re claim 14: Sehr as modified by Lee teaches a kiosk, wherein the contact information includes temporary contact information (col.8, lines 3-58).

Re claim 15: Sehr as modified by Lee discloses a kiosk, wherein the temporary contact information includes information specifying the time period during which such temporary contact information is valid for contact the traveler (col.11, lines 3-67 and col.12, lines 1-67).

Re claim 16: Sehr as modified by Lee teaches a kiosk, wherein at least a portion of the user information encoded into the machine-readable format includes the temporary contact (col.19, lines 3-65).

Re claim 17: Sehr as modified by Lee discloses a kiosk, wherein the traveler information further includes a travel itinerary from the traveler (col.4, lines 27-32; col.8, lines 41-49 and col.14, lines 27-47).

Re claim 18: Sehr as modified by Lee teaches a kiosk, wherein at least a portion of the user information encoded into the machine-readable format or tag-related ticket includes the contact information (col.11, lines 37-62; col.32, lines 1-14 and col.43, lines 4-15).

7. Claims 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sehr (U.S. 6,085,976) in view of Rhoads (U.S. 6,311,214).

The teachings of Sehr have been discussed above.

Sehr fails to disclose contact information, which includes a group consisting of a mobile or cellular telephone number and a pager number.

Rhoads teaches a linking of computers based on optical sensing of digital data, which includes a business card application wherein the printed information comprises of a mobile or cellular telephone number and a pager number (col.16, lines 23-34).

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In view of Rhoads' teaching, it would have been obvious to an artisan of ordinary skill in art at the time the invention was made to incorporate into the teaching of Sehr a software, which includes a subroutine requiring the user to input a mobile or cellular telephone number and pager number as to set a contact information if needed by the central station. Furthermore, such modification would be an improvement of the teaching of Sehr, and beneficial to the user for emergency contact and information regarding promotional advertisement such as sales, reminder of frequent flyer miles compilation, accumulation of total bonus points from frequent purchases and much more. Moreover, such modification would have been an obvious extension as taught by Sehr.

### *Conclusion*

8. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Spencer (U.S. 4,179,723) discloses a kiosk unit.

Burns (U.S. 6,014,137) teaches an electronic kiosk authoring system.

Devlin, Jr. (U.S. 5,692,342) discloses an open but secure travel center kiosk.

Burns (U.S. 6,460,040) teaches an authoring-system for computed-based information delivery system.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to EDWYN LABAZE whose telephone number is (703) 305-5437. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30 AM - 4:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael G. Lee can be reached on (703) 305-3503. The fax phone numbers for the

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organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703) 308-7722 for regular communications and (703) 308-7722 for After Final communications.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 308-1782.

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January 25, 2003

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